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SUBJECT: US REPRESENTATION AT ECE MEETS

REF: A) GENEVA 22578, B) STATE 195627, C) GENEVA 12473

1. MISSION BELIEVES CLARIFICATION NECESSARY IN CERTAIN AREAS REGARDING US PARTICIPATION IN ECE MEETINGS. REF (C) REPORTED VIEW OF SENIOR ECE OFFICIAL THAT ALL ECE MEETINGS ARE OFFICIAL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETS AND NONE ARE CONSIDERED QUASI-OFFICIAL. PER SIMMONS-SALTSMAN TELECON ON AUGUST 14, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS SOME PROBLEM ON FUNDING OFFICIAL USG PARTICIPATION AT "SEMINARS." REF (A) STATED MISSION VIEW THAT US FIRMS COULD BENEFIT FROM PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN ECE MEETS AND THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND FACILITATED.

2. AS NOTED REF (B), DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED PARTICIPATION OF US CITIZENS AND/OR PERSONS REPRESENTING US FIRMS AT ECE SEMINAR IN WARSAW. IT IS MISSION VIEW THAT IF THERE IS ANY PARTICIPATION BY US FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS AT AN ECE MEETING, THERE SHOULD BE A FORMALLY ACCREDITED USG REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT. OTHERWISE, SITUATION WOULD EXIST WHERE PERSONS SUBJECT TO NO GUIDANCE OR CONTROL BY USG WOULD IN EFFECT BE REPRESENTING USG IN AN OFFICIAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM. DESPITE LEGAL NICETIES OF SITUATION (I.E. PARTICIPANTS, NOT REPRESENTATIVES) OTHER DELEGATIONS PRESENT WOULD CONSIDER THESE "PARTICIPANTS" AS USG SPOKESMEN.

3. THIS QUESTION ARISES IN US PARTICIPATION AT SEPTEMBER 18-22 ECE SEMINAR IN WARSAW ON TECHNO ECONOMIC TRENDS

IN AIRBORN EQUIPMENT FOR AGRICULTURE AND OTHER SELECTED
AREAS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY. US FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS
WILL BE THERE. NEITHER MISSION NOR ECE SECRETARIAT
HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF ANY OFFICIAL USG REPRESENTATION
AT THIS SEMINAR. IT IS MISSION BELIEF THAT USG SHOULD
BE REPRESENTED AT THIS AND OTHER SIMILAR SEMINARS. IF
IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO SEND OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM
WASHINGTON, SUGGEST THAT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AT
WARSAW EMBASSY MIGHT BE DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT USG.
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